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In re application of

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INK-JET RECORDING APPARATUS

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 25, 2001, the period for response to which having been extended by one month to August 25, 2001, please amend the above-identified U.S. Patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION AND ABSTRACT

Please ~~replace~~ the original specification and abstract with the enclosed substitute specification and abstract.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please ~~cancel~~ claims 1-23 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter therein. Please add new claims 24-50 as follows.

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24. An ink-jet recording apparatus comprising:  
a flushing signal generating unit operable to generate a flushing signal; and  
a recording head provided with a nozzle, said recording head being operable to jet ink particles through said nozzle based on the flushing signal,